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CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: 1144 Gorsuch Avenue Survey Number: B-5185

Property Address: 1144 Gorsuch Avenue, Baltimore

Project: Rehabilitate 1144 Gorsuch Avenue Agency: CDA/MHRP

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no    yes Name                      Date                     

District Name: Waverly Historic District (expanded) Survey Number: B-2766-2821

   Listed   X   Eligible the boundaries are undefined at present Comment

Criteria:   A   B XC   D Considerations:   A   B   C   D   E   F   G   None

The resource X contributes/   does not contribute to the historic significance of this historic district in:

X Location   X   Design   X   Setting    Materials

X Workmanship   X   Feeling    Association

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The two and one-half story, gable roofed, frame house located at 1144 Gorsuch Avenue is eligible for the Maryland Register of Historic Properties under Criterion C for Architecture as a contributing resource in an as yet undefined expanded Waverly Historic District. Originally located outside Baltimore City, this area developed starting in the mid 19th century from a village with large sections of undeveloped land and major estates to a relatively intensively developed suburb. A major surge of development began after 1866 when a large tract of land between Harford Road and York Road was purchased from Robert Gorsuch and laid out in Avenues and lots. A horsecar line soon followed in 1872. This early period of suburban development was characterized by detached and semi-detached Victorian villas and cottages with generous landscaped lots. Development after 1888, when the area was annexed to the city, tended to be smaller frame semi-detached and detached residences and rowhouses. A final burst of development occurred just before the Depression and resulted in brick rowhouses replacing a majority of the existing frame cottages. The house at 1144 Gorsuch Avenue appears to date to c. 1870-1880s and is characteristic of Waverly's early period of suburban development. A number of details, such as the overhanging eaves, large first story windows and belcast hood over the second story center window, link it to other Victorian houses in the neighborhood. The house lot is substantially larger than others on the block. A large cluster of smaller late 19th century houses line the opposite side of Gorsuch facing the subject property, while the houses on either side of it date to c. 1900-1924. Although some alterations are evident from the picture provided, the house retains its original massing and many original details.

Documentation on the property is presented in: Survey District B-2776 - B-2821

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

December 6, 1995  
Date

NR program concurrence: ✓ yes    no    not applicable

Alvin P. Roberts  
Reviewer, NR program

12-6-95  
Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)  
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,  
Prince George's and St. Mary's)  
☒ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,  
Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)  
☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

☐ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.  
☐ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.  
☐ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.  
☐ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.  
☐ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.  
☐ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900  
☐ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600  
☐ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750  
☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815  
☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870  
☒ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930  
☐ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present  
☐ Unknown Period ( ☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

☐ Subsistence  
☐ Settlement  
☐ Political  
☐ Demographic  
☐ Religion  
☐ Technology  
☐ Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

☐ Agriculture  
☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture,  
and Community Planning  
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)  
☐ Government/Law  
☐ Military  
☐ Religion  
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural  
☐ Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic-single family

Known Design Source: na



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Front of  
House

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